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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2003 (Paper No. 7), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please rewrite claims 1-15 as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for a dipping treatment having a conveyor disposed above a treatment bath for dipping and designed to cause a workpiece conveyed by the conveyor to be immersed in and emerge from the treatment bath for dipping, wherein the workpiece is supported above the conveyor through a carrier, and the carrier is swung above the treatment bath for dipping in a plane that is substantially perpendicular to a direction of

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